



Agenda Item 5.1
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***Annual Progress Report
on Actions Taken Under Implementation Plans for the Calendar Year 2014***

***Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland)
Greenland***

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The primary purposes of the Annual Progress Reports are to provide details of:

- any changes to the management regime for salmon and consequent changes to the Implementation Plan;
- actions that have been taken under the Implementation Plan in the previous year;
- significant changes to the status of stocks, and a report on catches; and
- actions taken in accordance with the provisions of the Convention

These reports will be reviewed by the Council. Please complete this form and return it to the Secretariat **by 1 April 2015**.

Party:	Denmark
Jurisdiction/Region:	Greenland

1: Changes to the Implementation Plan
1.1 Describe any proposed revisions to the Implementation Plan <i>(Where changes are proposed, the revised Implementation Plans should be submitted to the Secretariat by 1 December).</i>
No changes have been made to the Implementation Plan during 2014.
1.2 Describe any major new initiatives or achievements for salmon conservation and management that you wish to highlight.
Greenland Fisheries License Control Authority (GFLK) has conducted a phone survey after the fishing season 2014 ended in order to control the reporting and to assist the licensed fishermen in reporting the new requirements correctly. The phone survey was planned together with the Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture and the Greenland Institute of Natural Resources.

2: Stock status and catches.				
2.1 Provide a description of any new factors which may significantly affect the abundance of salmon stocks and, if there has been any significant change in stock status since the development of the Implementation Plan, provide a brief (200 word max) summary of these changes.				
The Framework of Indicators does not show that there has been a significant change in the indicators used, thus there have been no changes to the status of the stock. The status of the Kapisillit River is unknown.				
2.2 Provide the following information on catches:(nominal catch equals reported quantity of salmon caught and retained in tonnes ‘round fresh weight’ (i.e. weight of whole, ungutted, unfrozen fish) or ‘round fresh weight equivalent’).				
(a) provisional nominal catch (which may be subject to revision) for 2014 (tonnes)	In-river	Estuarine	Coastal	Total
				58 tonnes (Greenland does not specify its fishery in these levels and can thus, only provide total catch)
(b) confirmed nominal catch of salmon for 2013 (tonnes)				47 tonnes (Greenland does not specify its fishery in these levels and can thus, only provide total catch)s
(c) estimated unreported catch for 2014 (tonnes)				10 tonnes as estimated by ICES
(d) number and percentage of salmon caught and released in recreational fisheries in 2014.	Greenland does not have a catch and release fishery.			

3: Implementation Plan Actions.

3.1 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to the Management of Salmon Fisheries (Section 2.8 of the Implementation Plan).

Note: The reports under 'Progress on Action to Date' should provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress made. While referring to additional material (e.g. via links to websites) may assist those seeking more detailed information, this will not be evaluated by the Review Group.

Action F1:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP):	Evaluation of the reporting system implemented in 2012 through the new Government of Greenland Executive Order on Salmon Fisheries.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Improved reporting and data.
	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	The evaluation has shown an improvement in data, however, it takes time to get the fishermen to fill it out correctly. The requirements apply to all fishermen; licensed and unlicensed. In 2015, a phone survey was conducted by the GFLK talking to the licensed fishermen about their reports and this, has increased the awareness of the way to fill out reports as well as improving the reporting for 2014. It is planned to carry out a similar phone survey after the 2015 season. The evaluation of the requirements will continue till 2015 as planned in order to ensure as nuanced an evaluation as possible.
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	Ongoing
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	
Action F2:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP):	In July 2012 a quota for landings to fish factories in the internal-use only fishery was set. Review and revise as necessary the quota.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Improved control of the harvest/fishery.
	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	The landing quota of 35 tonnes were not utilized in the first two years and thus, the quota was reduced to 30 tonnes in 2014. The biological data that is used for the review is the ICES advice and data. However, the needs of the Greenlandic people are the most important as the Greenlandic salmon fishery is a substance fishery for internal-use only.
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	Ongoing. The Government of Greenland reviews the catches and biological data every year before determining a quota.
	If 'Completed', has the Action achieved its objective?	
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3.2 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to Habitat Protection and Restoration (Section 3.4 of the Implementation Plan). <i>Note: The reports under 'Progress on Action to Date' should provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress made. While referring to additional material (e.g. via links to websites) may assist those seeking more detailed information, this will not be evaluated by the Review Group.</i>		
Action H1:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP):	A protection plan for the Kapisillit River stock and entire river area is currently undergoing a hearing process.
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP):	Protection of the entire river area including adjacent estuarine area from anthropogenic effects (pollution, development, agriculture and gillnetting) and specifying rules of public access (including fishery).
	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	A report on several areas that should be protected as part of a biodiversity strategy has been completed and the Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture has held some meetings with the Ministry for Environment and Nature as they have the lead on this matter. The process also includes Greenland Institute of Natural Resources. However, the plan experienced a setback due to the unscheduled election in the Autumn of 2014 which stopped all projects. The work is expected to re-start during 2015.
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	Ongoing.
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	

3.3 Provide an update on progress against actions relating to Aquaculture, Introductions and Transfers and Transgenics (Section 4.8 of the Implementation Plan). <i>Note: The reports under 'Progress on Action to Date' should provide a brief overview with a quantitative measure of progress made. While referring to additional material (e.g. via links to websites) may assist those seeking more detailed information, this will not be evaluated by the Review Group.</i>		
Action A1:	Description of Action (as submitted in the IP):	
	Expected Outcome (as submitted in the IP):	
	Progress on Action to Date (see note above):	
	Current Status of Action (e.g. 'Not started'; 'Ongoing'; 'Completed'):	
	If Completed, has the Action achieved its objective?	

4: Additional information required under the Convention	
4.1	Details of any laws, regulations and programmes that have been adopted or repealed since the last notification.
	No new or updated laws, regulations or programmes have been adopted or repealed in 2014.
4.2	Details of any new commitments concerning the adoption or maintenance in force for specified periods of time of conservation, restoration and other management measures.
	Greenland continues its commitment as agreed in NASCO, nothing new have been adopted in 2014.
4.3	Details of any new actions to prohibit fishing for salmon beyond 12 nautical miles.
	Greenland does not have any salmon fishery beyond 12 nautical miles. The fishery is inshore along the coast line and in the fiords carried out in small dinghies.
4.4	Details of any new actions to invite the attention of States not Party to the Convention to matters relating to the activities of its vessels which could adversely affect salmon stocks subject to the Convention.
4.5	Details of any actions taken to implement regulatory measures under Article 13 of the Convention including imposition of adequate penalties for violations.